

Kaliveli bird sanctuary

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About Kaliveli bird sanctuary:

- This wetland is **the second-largest brackish water lake** in South India after Pulicat lake.
- The first declaration was issued by the Villupuram District Administration under Section 18 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 for setting up this sanctuary.
- The Kaliveli lake is connected **to the Bay of Bengal by the Uppukalli Creek** and the Edayanthittu sanctuary and is visited for nesting by migratory birds on the Central Asian flyway.
- The southern part of the wetland **has been reserved land** since 2001.
- The lake has a feeding ground for long-distance migrants from the cold subarctic regions of Central Asia and Siberia including Black-tailed Godwits, Eurasian Curlew, White Stork, Ruff and Dublin.

Key facts about the National Green Tribunal (NGT)

- The National Green Tribunal has been established **under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010**.
- New Delhi is the Principal Place of Sitting of the Tribunal and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai shall be the other four places of sitting of the Tribunal.
- NGT is mandated to make disposal of **applications or appeals finally within 6 months** of the filing of the same.

- **Composition**

- It comprises **the Chairperson, the Judicial Members, and Expert Members**.
- They shall hold office **for a term of 5 years** and are not eligible for reappointment.
- The **Chairperson is appointed by the Central Government** in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
- A Selection Committee shall be formed by the central government to appoint the Judicial Members and Expert Members.
- There are to be at least 10 and a maximum of 20 full-time Judicial members and Expert Members in the tribunal.

Q1) What is Creek?

It refers to a small, narrow, and often shallow watercourse or stream that usually flows into a larger body of water, such as a river, lake, or ocean. Creeks are common in various landscapes and can have different names in different regions.

Source: [NGT withholds green nod granted for fishing harbours near Kaliveli bird sanctuary](#)

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